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The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of applicant's corresponding International patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,771,277 (copy attached) is the English language equivalent of JP2002-196855A.

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